

Lower Majorities Asked In School Bond Voting

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Committee Sets Meeting Program

Pilot programs in new mathematics will be presented at the April 1, noon meeting of the Torrance Educational Advisory Committee, at the Masonic Hall, 2326 Cabrillo. The program will also include the Wood Elementary School girls' chorus and a construction report.

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District
School finance will probably be a top problem at sessions of our California Legislature for generations to come. It's certainly a major topic at our current gathering, one which will require much of our time. Support of our public school system comes primarily from

two sources, state funds and local funds. The population explosion of the past 15 years which necessitated enormous expansion in our school facilities has strained both sources to the breaking point. One of our constant tasks in this area has been to match resource as closely as possible to needs, which is anything but easy.

During the interim since our last regular session, considerable interest has been directed to the increasing difficulty local school districts have been experiencing in securing voter approval of new bond issues. The State Constitution requires a two-thirds vote to secure approval of a school bond issue. A considerable number of is-

suess submitted have failed to receive this proportion of favorable votes, even though they did get a majority or more of those cast.

AN ASSEMBLY constitutional amendment proposing to lower the percentage of votes required for approval of a school bond issue to 60 per

cent has been introduced in this session. Recently it was heard by the Assembly Education Committee, and was sent to the floor with a favorable recommendation for passage. If it receives the two-thirds approval of the members of both houses, it will appear on the ballot at the next general election for voter consideration. The record shows that in

1960-61, there were 249 school bond issues submitted to voters in California, calling for \$470 million in bonds. Of these, 73 per cent were approved, for \$386 million. Twenty-one of the defeated issues got more than 60 per cent, but less than 66 2/3 per cent of the votes cast. In 1961-62, the percentage of issues approved fell 57 per cent, for \$174 out of \$470 million. Thirty-seven defeated issues received between 60 per cent and the required two-thirds of the vote cast.

ONE OF THE most difficult factors in the school cost situation to deal with has been construction of new classrooms to house the every-growing enrollments in elementary and high schools, and junior colleges. Soon after the end of the War it became apparent that many school districts could not finance needed new construction through bonds. The standard statutory limit of five per cent of assessed value on such bonds simply would not produce enough money for the building requirements of some districts.

During the past few sessions, much legislative attention has been paid to this matter of school construction costs and how best to pay for them. Some study has been given to the advisability of increasing the statutory limit on bonds for individual districts from five per cent to 10 per cent of assessed valuation, but no action was taken. Other ideas have also been reviewed.

TO AID "impoverished" districts, the Legislature passed, and the voters approved the first of a series of bond issues for construction loans to school districts which had nearly exhausted their own bonding capacity, and still needed funds for new classrooms. So far, a total of \$1,335 billion of such bonds have been asked, but it seems likely future proposals for the same purpose may be submitted to the voters.

GSA Troop 25

Girl Scout Troop 25, sponsored by the Fern-Greenwood PTA spent the weekend of March 23 and 24 up in the San Bernardino Mountains at Camp Outeo Rancho. They enjoyed camping, cooking and snow play. Accompanying the Scouts were their leaders, Mrs. Paul Shinoda, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goddard, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Armstrong, and Mrs. and Mrs. Leon Warner.

The troop held an impressive Court of Awards ceremony on Wednesday, March 27, at the Fern Cafeteria upon completion of the Junior First Aid Course taught for the past 10 weeks by fireman William Kerr.

He showed two interesting colored films on safety and the valuable mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. The parents also were shown various bandages by members of the troop. The girls received Junior Red Cross Certificates from fireman Kerr and First Aid Badges from their temporary leaders, Mrs. Lila Ogren and Mrs. Lea Nation. From now until June they will be completing the requirements for their First Class rank.

Kansans to Meet

The Kansas Society of Los Angeles will meet April 3 at Clifton's Cafeteria for a traditional Easter show and parade. Dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with the program scheduled from 8:30 to 8:30.

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